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AMMAN RADIO REPORTS KISSINGER DEPARTURE STATEMENT

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(TEXT) ON LEAVING AMMAN AIRPORT FOR THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT TO JORDAN, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DR HENRY KISSINGER MADE A STATEMENT TO JOURNALISTS IN WHICH HE SAID: I HAVE JUST COMPLETED EXTENDED AND VERY USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS MAJESTY KING HUSAYN AND THE PREMIER. AT A TIME WHEN THE UNITED STATES IS IMPROVING ITS RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES IN THE AREA, IT WILL NOT FORGET ITS FRIENDS WHO HAVE STOOD WITH IT FOR MANY YEARS. HE ADDED: WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE AREA IN WHICH JORDAN WILL HAVE A BASIC ROLE FROM THE BEGINNING. I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE REALIZED AGREEMENT IN OUR VIEWS IN THIS RESPECT.

ANSWERING A QUESTION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR PEACE IN THIS STAGE, DR KISSINGER SAID: I HAVE COME TO THE AREA TO DISCOVER THE POSSIBILITIES FOR REALIZING PEACE. THE UNITED STATES IS EXERTING SERIOUS EFFORTS FOR THE REALIZATION OF PEACE.

ASKED WHETHER ISRAEL WILL CHANGE ITS POLICY AND MOVE TOWARD MODERATION IN ITS ATTITUDE, THE U.S. SECRETARY SAID: WE DO NOT DEFINE THE FOREIGN POLICY OF ANY STATE. I CAME HERE TO DISCUSS WHAT THE UNITED STATES WILL DO. THIS IS OUR ONLY CONCERN.

ASKED WHETHER HIS DISCUSSIONS DEALT WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK OF JORDAN AND JERUSALEM, DR KISSINGER SAID: WE HAVE DISCUSSED ALL FACTORS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE INITIATION OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

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